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Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application 37 CFR § 1.56, attached hereto is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a partial English translation of the French reference previously filed with the above-referenced application on June 7, 2001.

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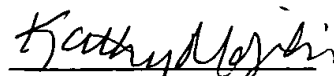
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Applicant respectfully request that the attached Information Disclosure Statement and reference be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP Sec. 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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